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LETTER DATED 16 SEPTEMBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the United States Air Force continued to violate Iraqi airspace, as follows:

I. 1. On 14/15 September 1991, United States air activity inside Iraqi airspace amounted to 26 sorties flown by 12 two-aircraft formations and 2 solo sorties at speeds of 700 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000 to 10,000 metres.

2. The flights centred over the areas of Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Sinjar, Tall Afar and Zakho, and the purpose was observation.

3. At 1135 hours, one of our observation stations saw two F-16s over Firnas airport, flying at an altitude of 1,000 metres. They then turned in the direction of the Tall Afar airfield and overflew the runway at an altitude of 200 metres and at a speed of 800 kilometres per hour.

II. 1. The United States Air Force continued to violate Iraqi airspace on 15 September 1991 for the purpose of observation, through 25 sorties, consisting of seven two-aircraft sorties and 11 solo sorties, at speeds of 650 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,500 to 5,500 metres.

2. The enemy flights centred over Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Tall Afar, Rawanduz, Dukan and Zakho.

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